

HOUSE RESOLUTION 31
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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Elizabeth Boyd on receiving the
Jo Reed Community Service Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting for the members of this General Assembly to pause in their deliberations to salute those citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Boyd, an esteemed resident of Germantown, recently received the Jo Reed Community Service Award, which is given annually by the Leadership Germantown Alumni Association; and

WHEREAS, the award is named in honor of community activist Jo Reed, who freely donated her time and talents to a variety of civic endeavors, always working behind the scenes with little fanfare; through her work with St. George's Episcopal Church and the English Meadows neighborhood association and her volunteerism at City Hall, she was responsible for countless improvements to the quality of life in her community before her tragic death after being struck by an automobile while removing illegal signs from a utility pole in Germantown; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Boyd is a worthy heir to Ms. Reed's legacy, as well as to that of previous recipients Henry Evans, Jim Roberts, George Erwin, Bea Carps, Tracy Speake, Annie Laurie Hall, and Elmore Phillips; and

WHEREAS, throughout her life, she has dedicated herself to the pursuit of bettering the lives of her fellow human beings and improving her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Boyd has succeeded in a wide range of endeavors through the application of her considerable talents; she is recently retired from First Tennessee Bank, where

she earned the respect and admiration of both the business community and the public at large; and

WHEREAS, during Ms. Boyd's tenure at First Tennessee, she was a member of and instructor for the American Institute of Banking as well as the National Association of Banking Women on the local and state levels; and

WHEREAS, she also has lent her superb leadership to numerous civic endeavors and is an important figure in the advancement of many worthy organizations in Germantown; and

WHEREAS, she is known throughout the community for her contributions as a member of the Germantown 2020 Commission as well as the Friends of Shelby Farms; her concern for Germantown has also contributed to her service on the Environmental Task Force and Commission, and her role as liaison to the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Economic Commission; and

WHEREAS, over the years, Elizabeth Boyd has served as Chairperson of the Small Business Council, as Chairperson of the Germantown City Planning Commission, and, since 2002, has served on the Board of Zoning Appeals; she has also been previously recognized as Chamber Board Ambassador of the Year; and

WHEREAS, she has served with acumen and alacrity as a past President of the local American Heart Association after serving admirably for several years on the Board of Directors of that same organization; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Leadership Germantown, she has continued her meritorious service as a Leadership Germantown Board Member for three years and has also served productively on the social committee of the Alumni Association; and

WHEREAS, an active and devoted Christian, Elizabeth Boyd also devotes her time and talents to her church community; and

WHEREAS, the greater Germantown community and the State of Tennessee are undoubtedly better places to live because of the life and service of Elizabeth Boyd; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Boyd epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean and have earned this State the nickname of the "Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people like Elizabeth Boyd who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Ms. Boyd for her many contributions to the good people of Tennessee, her unwavering commitment to others, and her astute leadership in Germantown; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor Elizabeth Boyd, known for her personal excellence and wonderful service to humanity, upon receiving the Jo Reed Community Service Award, commend her outstanding record of volunteerism, leadership, and community spirit, and extend to her our best wishes for every continued success and much happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.